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BELIZE TEEN

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because he is listening, observing and learning. He's smart for a boy his age."

"Everyone who has come in contact with Marcus loves him and appreciates him. His attitude and manners are outstanding and he has taught us some things."

Although the teen has been in Tyler since June 4 and returns to Belize this week after travel arrangements are complete, Marcus has made new friends, a second family and a love for the United States.

When questioned last week, he said, "I'm very blessed and it's really amazing what has happened to me. I have a second family (he was speaking about Sam and Anita Wood who took Marcus into their home)."

When asked if he liked the United States, a quick smile came to his scarred face and lips, saying, "Yep!" He later told Mrs. Woods he was really impressed with the countryside and the friendly East Texans.

The Woods, who also have made medical missionary trips to Belize, are preparing to move to the Central American country, which was British Honduras before independence.

They are moving to Punta Gorda on the Atlanta coast, seven miles from Marcus' home. They will be able to continue their friendship in Belize. Mrs. Woods said, "It has really been a neat experience and Marcus has been a blessing to us."

Questioned about his medical experiences, Marcus gave thanks to the doctors, dentists, medical personnel, hospital and East Texans who have helped change his appearance and give him a chance for a new life.

Marcus will take back a new look — a reconstructed nose where none existed and removable partial dentures.

While in Tyler, he has discovered a new world, watching educational shows on television, visiting Caldwell Zoo, seeing "Star Wars: Episode One" twice at the theater plus seeing "Tarzan," and then seeing the other Star Wars movies by video, while also visiting Green Acres Baptist and Marvin United Methodist churches.

Mrs. Woods said, "In terms of changing his life, its like a wonderland to the world he lives in. I know TV is a vast wasteland, but the Travel, Discovery and Nature channels have been great for him. It's a world he has never seen."

She said following his first surgery, he could drink only liquids, so Dairy Queen shakes became the main fare. Mrs. Woods said Marcus really likes Blizzards, especially chocolate-chip cookie dough and Reese's Cups. "Marcus has eaten everything we served and he especially likes spaghetti, hamburgers and pizza. We are still going to get him a banana split before he goes home," she added.

"He has never complained, never was any trouble, never asked for anything and we had to make sure he would eat when he first got home from the hospital because he didn't want to bother anyone," she said.

— Staff Photo By Marvin Ellis

GOING-AWAY PARTY: Marcus Coc, a 16-year-old Maya Kekchi indian from Belize, had a hamburger going-away party last week at Dr. David Nichols home with some East Texans who have been part of his life in Tyler. Marcus, right, stands next to Dr. Makoto Saigusa, who in Belize volunteered his surgical services. Seated from left, are, Sam and Anita Wood, who became his second family in Tyler, and Dr. James Holton, who also assisted in surgery.

Dr. Nichols, medical-dental director of Amigo Internacionales, took the lead in making arrangements for Marcus to come to Tyler following a request to do free surgery by Dr. Makoto Saigusa, who was on his first medical missionary trip earlier this year. Dr. Saigusa was with three physicians, five dentists and 15 other medical personnel.

Dr. Saigusa saw Marcus in Belize and immediately donated his services, which so far have include two surgeries, plus another operation next year when the medical missionaries make another trip to Belize.

Dr. Saigusa, D.M.D. and M.D. and a Japanese native who graduated from The University of Texas Health Center in San Antonio, discussed his first trip to Belize, saying, "It was a wonderful experience and when I met Marcus, I understood better what the trip was about."

He said a child with a cleft palate needs continual medical care, sometimes extending many years, even to young adulthood, "but most children are seen at an early age and followed by medical specialists in the United States. Marcus had some work done early in his life, but his problem was never addressed again and it developed into major problems. We had to do very extensive repair during the operations."

Dr. Saigusa said Marcus did not have a nose, his upper lip was very deformed and he had a large hole in the roof of his mouth. "He had speech difficulties because of these deformities. We had to use bone from his hip to form his nose and to make other repairs," he added.

His speech continues to improve (Vaughn Speech and Hearing have worked with Marcus) and Marcus is getting close to normal with his appearance with some minor work due next March.

Dr. James Holton, D.D.S. and M.S. who worked hand-in-hand with Dr. Saigusa on the two surgeries, said, "When opportunities arise, we need to help and here was a very nice young man who didn't ask for anything, wasn't a problem child, had loving parents, but was born in a third-world country without proper medical help."

"This was an opportunity for us to help and was a once-in-a-lifetime chance for Marcus. A lot of things have to come together before this opportunity was made real," Dr. Holton added.

"This was been a real thrill for us since we were able to help a young boy and everything has turned out so good. And all of us have benefited from knowing Marcus," he said.

Dr. Nichols said many East Texans have made Marcus' trip to Tyler a success story. "I want to thank everyone who has helped, whether it was time or whether it was money."

"We discovered Marcus would like to go to a trade school to become an automotive mechanic in Belize City about 100 miles from his home. Because Marcus now has a new lease on life and has a chance to do more than just menial work, we have set up a scholarship fund at Southside Bank called the Marcus Coc Educational Fund," Dr. Nichols said.

The fund is tax deductible through the Amigos Internacionales.

Dr. Nichols said for more information, call 903-561-7604.

KENNEDY

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He may have failed the bar twice, but he was a Kennedy, not one of much known political ambition, but a prince who was once crowned "the sexiest man alive."

Searchers looking for Kennedy's plane had zeroed in earlier in the day on a spot at the bottom of the sea after picking up an automatic emergency signal Sunday.

But Larrabee said the signal had been discounted and could have come from a data marker dropped by the Coast Guard.

A sonar-equipped ship was sent to the spot off Martha's Vineyard where debris from the plane was found earlier.

Officials said on Monday divers would begin searching possible targets in water 60 to 80 feet deep.

Earlier in Washington, President Clinton offered the prayers of a nation, saying the Kennedys "have suffered much and given more" as a family over the past 40 years.

"At this difficult moment, we hope the families of these three fine young people will feel the strength of God, the love of their friends and the prayers of their fellow citizens," Clinton said.

The Kennedy and Bessette families spent a second anguished day Sunday awaiting word along with the rest of the nation, as federal authorities set up a top-level command center to oversee the search.

"I have spent some very painful moments with the families tonight. I think they understand," Larrabee said.

Kennedy's sister, Caroline Kennedy, whose whereabouts had been unclear since the accident, had awaited word on New York's Long Island. It was not known why she did not attend the wedding or join the family in Hyannis Port. She and her family were said to have just returned from a Western rafting trip.

Some experienced pilots said that a relatively new pilot like Kennedy may have been ill-advised to fly at night, while others said it was routine. A source who is friendly with the Kennedy family told The Associated Press that Kennedy had intended to fly earlier in the day, but his sister-in-law, an investment banker, had to work late.

However, it wasn't clear that the crash was necessarily due to pilot error or inexperience, as opposed to mechanical failure or other causes.

Kennedy had recently acquired the single-engine, six-seat Piper Saratoga II HP. Newspaper reports said he had 100 to 200 hours of flying time.

He had obtained his pilot's license in April 1998 but was not licensed to fly on instruments alone, the way experienced pilots do in bad weather.

The disappearance of the son of the 35th president brought forth the kind of emotion stirred two years ago by the death of Princess Diana, with the TV networks devoting all-day coverage and newspapers rolling out extras on the movie-star handsome lawyer and magazine publisher whose life had been untarnished by scandal.

Mourners left flowers at the Brookline, Mass., birthplace of his father, at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston and on the steps of John and Carolyn Kennedy's apartment building in New York City.

Sunday happened to be the 30th anniversary of another family trial — Chappaquiddick, in which Sen. Edward Kennedy's car went off a bridge on an island next to Martha's Vineyard, killing passenger Mary Jo Kopechne and ending any hope Kennedy had of becoming president.

JFK Jr., as he became known, has been a reluctant icon. He eschewed a political career for publishing, and avoided the troubles that plagued many of his cousins. His wildest act, at least publicly, may have been getting a small shamrock tattoo.

His appeal transcended generations. His father was voted into the White House by the generation that fought World War II. He was born while that generation raised its children and for them he would always be that little boy, in a blue coat and shorts, saluting his father's casket on his third birthday.

To another generation, he was "the sexiest man alive" — a title bestowed on him by People magazine. New York's gossip pages simply dubbed him "The Hunk."

Unlike other family members, Kennedy never entered politics, although he was constantly questioned about a future in the political arena and often mentioned as a candidate for Congress.

Kennedy graduated from Brown University in 1983, turning his attention to a variety of pursuits: searching for a sunken pirate ship off Cape Cod, visiting India for six months, raising funds for the Democratic Party.

In 1988, he introduced his uncle, U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, at the Democratic Convention — and received a two-minute standing ovation. A year later, he graduated from New York University with a law degree.

He joined the Manhattan district attorney's office the next year — but only after failing the bar twice. "HUNK FLUNKS," read a tabloid headline after one of those attempts.

In 1995, he launched the magazine George — subtitled "not just politics as usual." Its trademark became celebrity covers; the first issue featured Cindy Crawford dressed as George Washington, sporting a bra top, white wig and tight pants.

The lithe, blonde Bessette Kennedy enjoyed a privileged upbringing as the stepdaughter of a surgeon in posh Greenwich, Conn. But not even that could prepare her for life in the Kennedy clan, a jet-setting existence complete with White House invitations and family weekends in Hyannis Port.

HOT DOGS

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degrees in 10 minutes," Ms. Helms said. "That can cause brain damage and also can kill the dog."

Next, make lots of cold water available to your pet.

"It's really important that people check that water dish," Ms. Helms said. "These guys need lots of cool, fresh water."

Ms. Helms also recommends for owners to check pets frequently for fleas and ticks and make shade readily available to animals. Dogs should never be chained up in the hot weather.

Dr. Jeff Lancaster of the Tyler Veterinary Center says heat stroke is only one of the problems pets may encounter during summer.

"Skin problems and ear infections can be related to the heat," Lancaster said. "Most injuries happen pretty rapidly. When they do happen, it's usually accidental on the part of the owner."

Lancaster advises pet owners to stay on top of their animals' health.

Horses and cattle also occasionally need help in dealing with the heat, said Dr. Ann Buchanan of Tyler's Glenwood Animal Hospital.

"Horses and cattle working in the heat of the day is not a good thing," Dr. Buchanan said. "It's better to work them in the morning or evening, but if they do work in the middle of the day, special attention needs to be paid to the animal's condition at all times."

These larger animals sweat to cool themselves. If the animal stops perspiring while working in the heat, it is probably overheated, Dr. Buchanan said.

If the animal is overheated, Dr. Buchanan suggests the owner walk the animal slowly and sponge it with water for more cooling. If the animal is standing still, it needs a breeze to cool. Salt blocks and water also help the animals replenish fluids.

People should especially be concerned with older animals, dark-furred pets and young puppies or kittens, Ms. Helms said. Extreme sunlight and heat can adversely affect elderly pets more rapidly than others. The dark animals tend to attract heat faster, and puppies' and kittens' "immune systems are not as strong, they're not as resilient, so they could be affected, too," Ms. Helms said. "But it's primarily going to be those older dogs."

Symptoms of heat stroke in dogs include extreme panting, a lethargic demeanor and an anxious or glazed look in the animal's eyes. Overheated dogs should be hosed down or given an ice bath to bring down body temperature as quickly as possible, Ms. Helms said.

"When you work out here, you think that people should know, and they don't know," she said. "Just treat them like you'd treat yourself or your kids."

TELESCOPE

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ject for two decades. "But I can't help but use those superlatives with this observatory. They are really well based."

The telescope, built by TRW Inc., cost $1.5 billion to develop. Throw in the shuttle ride and five years of orbital operations, and the price jumps to $2.8 billion, making it one of NASA's most expensive science projects ever.

Chandra — named for the late astrophysicist who won a Nobel Prize — is the third of NASA's four so-called Great Observatories. The first was Hubble and the second was the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, launched in 1991.

With Chandra's help, astronomers hope to learn how much so-called dark matter is out there and where it is, and more about the matter swirling into black holes and the high-energy jets of matter shooting away from them.

They also hope to better calculate the distance to celestial objects, useful in estimating the size and age of the universe.

Chandra should have flown last summer, but was sidelined by bad circuit boards and other problems.

Also causing heartburn for NASA in recent months has been the rocket motor that's attached to Chandra, because it is similar to one that malfunctioned on an Air Force satellite in April and left that spacecraft in a worthless orbit.

The solid-rocket motor is needed to propel Chandra from the relatively low altitude of the shuttle into a lopsided orbit with a low point of 6,200 miles and a high point of 87,000 miles — one-third of the way to the moon.

Chandra, the rocket motor and support gear together weigh 50,000 pounds, making it the heaviest shuttle payload ever.

NASA officials say they're confident the thoroughly checked motor — and the telescope itself — will work.

Hubble was launched in 1990 with a flawed mirror that blurred its vision. It took millions of dollars and a daring space shuttle mission to correct Hubble's eyesight, now the envy of the world.

CHURCH

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Emperor) Haile Selassie walking together side by side. People are still drawn to the memorial we put up at the altar," Gerhardt said, referring to a marble mosaic in front of the altar.

Inscribed on the mosaic are the words: "Here rested the remains of President Kennedy ... before their removal to Arlington where they lie in expectation of a heavenly resurrection."

Once again Sunday, the priests tried to help the faithful understand the significance of the latest tragedy in the Kennedy family.

"The Kennedy family is once again on the cross. And you, perhaps suffering the death of a loved one, may also be on the cross," Watkins said during the service. "But there is no resurrection of the body without the death of the body. There is no joy without suffering."

4 Killed, Injured In Rusk County Collision

HENDERSON — A head-on collision left four people dead Saturday night, about 6.5 miles east of Henderson.

Kathy Caskey Rowe, 37, of Gary was reported to have been driving a 1991 Chevrolet pickup west on U.S. Highway 79, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

Reports show Ms. Rowe's vehicle apparently was struck head-on when a 1998 Toyota Camry driven by Clay Starkey Donnan, 20, of Center crossed the into Ms. Rowe's lane. DPS officials said both drivers were pronounced dead at the scene.

Also killed in the accident were two passengers in Donnan's car, Jon Taylor Bush, 23, and 9-month-old Macy Lynn Bush, both from Center, DPS reported.

According to DPS, Jon Bush was not wearing a seat belt, Ms. Rowe and Donnan were wearing seat belts and Macy Bush was in a front-facing car seat.

Injured in the accident was Misty Lynn Bush, 21, of Center. DPS reported Ms. Bush was a passenger in the Toyota and was taken to Tyler's Mother Frances Hospital, where she was still in critical condition Sunday night.

Troopers reported Ms. Bush was not wearing a seat belt. Road conditions were reported to be good, dry and clear.

DPS is investigating the cause of the accident.

Buzz Aldrin Glad Armstrong First

LONDON (AP) — Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin said Sunday that he has no regrets that Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon ahead of him 30 years ago.

Armstrong, who became the first man to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969, was chosen because of seniority, said Aldrin, who touched the moon moments later. "He has had to take the attention of the world as the first man to be on the surface of the moon," said Aldrin.

LOTTO TEXAS

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-22-27-28-31-35.

Estimated jackpot: $37 million.

Number matching six of six: one.

Winning ticket sold in: Harlingen.

Matching five of six: 174. Prize: $2,077.

Matching four of six: 11,667. Prize: $112.

Matching three of six: 229,177. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

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Public Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE *Public Affairs is a brief daily listing of governmental and civic meetings. The meetings are open to the public.*

MONDAY, July 19

✔ Tyler Park Board, 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber Board to hear updates on Goodman Museum restoration, Faulkner Park Construction, Glass Recreation Center and Rudman Trail extension.

✔ Chapel Hill Independent School District Board of Trustees, regular meeting, 6:15 p.m., executive session, 7 p.m., regular session. Board will consider bids on food service products and consider increasing the district contribution to Group I health insurance.

✔ Gilmer Independent School District, 6 p.m., administration board room. Board to consider action on bank depository bids.

✔ Neches Independent School District, 6 p.m., high school library. Board to consider amended cheerleader and mascot policies.

✔ Palestine Independent School District Board of Trustees, called meeting, 6 p.m., board room. Board will consider resignations and employment of district personnel and consider action on a contract with Coca-Cola.

✔ Winona Independent School District Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., administration building, 611 Wildcat Dr. The board will discuss possible updates to student handbook and discuss preliminary budget.

✔ Winnsboro Independent School District Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Westbrook Building. The board will consider action on bid for gym roof project and student code of conduct.

TYLER CITY COUNCIL TV

✔ Tyler City Council meetings are broadcast 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on local government access cable channel 3. Council regularly meets the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

SMITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TV

✔ Smith County Commissioners' meetings are broadcast at 10 p.m. Tuesday by Broadway Studios on cable channel 62. Commissioners regularly meet the second and fourth Monday of the month on the courthouse's third floor.

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